THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The month-wise cases of murder reported in Delhi during the first six months of 1993 and in the corresponding peiod of 1991 and 1992 are as under:—

Month	Years		
	1991	1992	1993
	No. of cases		
January	26	40	35
February	36	38	33
March	43	56	44
April	55	38	41
May	47	54	48
June	54	54	32

(b) The number of murder cases reported, solved and person arrested during 1991, 1992 and 1993 (upto 30-6-1993) is as under: —

Year	Cases reported	Cases solved	No. of persons arrested
1991	503	382	981
1992	521	404	984
1993 (upto 30-6-93)	233	162	317

(c) The steps taken to curb crime in Delhi include increased patrolling; posting of pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence; frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillance; coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring States; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; introduction of scientific methods of investigation and modernisation of communication network.

Embezzlement of Money Earmarked for Rural Development in Jammu & Kashmir

1163. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an embezzlement case of Rs. 8.5 crores earmarked for rural development in Anantnag District of Jammu and Kashmir has been unearthed involving top J&K Officials;

(b) if so, what is the amount involved and what are the details of facts in this regard and since when this process of embezzlement has been going on;

(c) what are the names and designations of officials involved in this scandal;

(d) the dates on which and circumstances under which and the names of Banks from which such a huge amount of Rs. 8.5 crores was withdrawn; what are the names of other persons including Bank Officials involved in the case;

(e) whether this amount has fallen in the hands of Jammu and Kashmir terrorists;

(f) whether Government have made an enquiry into the matter; and

(g) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken against the persons funds involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (g) According to information made available by Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir complaints were received in the month of April, 1993 about abnormally large amounts of money having been drawn from the Kulgam Treasury of Anantnag District in the Financial year 1992-93, for making payments for works purportedly done under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. An inquiry was immediately ordered. Simultaneously, the Finance Department and J & K Bank were also directed to withhold payments authorised by the concerned Drawing and Disbursing or Controlling Officers.

A high level official committee constituted to inquire into the matter, submitted its preliminary report on 25-5-93. Serious irregularities were detected in drawal of funds from the treasury and execution of works. It was found that against an allotment of Rs. 182.23 lakhs for the year 1992-93 under different heads, payments were authorised to the tune of Rs. 850.53 lakhs.

14 officials, who were also prima-facie found

to have been involved have been dismissed by the State Government under the provisions of the Constitution of J&K. A list showing the names of these persons is enclosed (*See* below). A case has also been registered and 7 persons including the then Deputy Commissioner of Anantnag, have been arrested. The remaining 7 persons have taken anticipatory bail against which the State Govt. has gone in appeal in the High Court. Further investigations and inquiries are continuing.

List of Persons

1. Shri G. M. Wani, ex-Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.

2. Shri M. M. Banihali, the then Assistant Commissioner, Development, Anantnag.

3. Shri A. K. Wani, Chief Planning Officer, Anantnag.

4. Shri Mohammed Shaban Padroo, Treasury Officer, Kulgam.

5. Shri Ahmadullah Zarar, Treasury Officer, Gazigund.

6. Shri Gazanfar Ali, Block Development Officer, Khowripora.

7. Shri Nazir Ahmad Makhdoomi, Block Development Officer, Dachinipora.

8. Shri Sonaullah Ahangar, Block Development Officer, Kulgam.

9. Shri Mohammed Shafi Ghani, Block Development Officer, Gazigund.

10. Shri Hakim Ab. Rehman, BDO, Shangus.

11. Shri Sydeen Shafi, BDO, Shahabad.

12. S. Kshemender Singh, B. D. O., Achabal.

13. Shri Aftakar Hussain, Jr. Engineer, Dachnipora Block.

14. Shri Mohammed Shafi Bhat, Assistant Engineer (I/C Assistant Executive Engineer), Block Kulgam.

Plan from Assam Government to Root Out Militancy

1164. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam Government have submitted a plan to the Centre with a three month programme to root out militancy from the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The State Government of Assam had submitted a Plan for conducting intensive counter-insurgency operations to achieve meaningful results within a specific time frame. The Programme included gearing up the machinery for collection and sharing of intelligence, ensuring effective coordination between various agencies, and deployment of additional forces. The requirement of additional forces has been assessed and a decision has been taken to meet it in a phased manner.

Installation of a New Exchange for linking all the Police Exchanges

1165. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans drawn up apart from satellite scanning for criminals fleeing in vehicles in Delhi;

(b) what is the budget proposed to be earmarked for the modernisation of police headquarters;

(c) when is the proposed new exchange expected to be installed in the city linking all the police exchanges in the capital; and

(d) whether the computer will also be provided linking it to a Central Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The plans drawn up for apprehending criminals fleeing in vehicles in Delhi include modernisation of the communication network; sealing of borders; immediate 'cordon off' in the affected area; strengthening of intelligence; and sharing of information with the neighbouring States.

(b) Modernisation of police is an on-going process. There is no proposal to earmark funds separately for modernising the police headquarters. Expenditure on modernisation is met from the normal budget allotment of the Delhi Police under the various heads of accounts.

(c) 512 Port Tandem Exchange alongwith its accessories has already been placed in the